
GENERAL SERVICES-PUBLIC BUILDINGS

MISSION

The mission of General Services is to provide quality services to our customers in a safe and cost effective manner.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Costs of maintenance and repair of all major facilities owned or operated by Durham County is budgeted within this cost center. General Services maintains a total of 1,372,289 building square feet consisting of 1,209,069 (county-owned), 115,153 (county-leased) and 48,067 (ABC Board). Activities performed in this program includes, but is not limited to: plumbing, heating/air conditioning, electrical services, minor renovations to county facilities, energy management and utilities, and miscellaneous contracts for janitorial, elevators, chiller/HVAC, water treatment, etc.

2002-03 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Completed installation of fire alarm system at the Carmichael Building
- Completed the 2003 utility audit on several county facilities with annual savings of \$8,636.
- Maintained the Homeless Shelter.
- Invested \$9,000 of improvements (carpet, tile, etc.) into the Judicial Building.
- Improved the HVAC control system at the Main Library significantly.
- Awarded contract to replace chiller at the Main Library.
- Instituted fuel tank test and inspection program to meet EPA standards.

2003-04 OBJECTIVES

- Fill vacant Maintenance Technician I position in the Grounds Maintenance Division.
- Complete installation of replaced chiller at the Main Library.
- Improve the level of maintenance and reduce the amount of building related complaints.
- Coordinate contracted special projects
- Institute fuel tank test and inspection program to meet EPA mandates.

2003-04 Highlights/Significant Changes

- Increases in utility costs are evident as the result of the economy.
- Increases in building square footage costs are evident as the result of the economy.
- Utilization of Detention Center inmates has proven to be non-existent.
- Emergency repairs to Detention Center electronic control systems (remote door and video controls) necessitated \$926,000 in approved operating funds for the fiscal year.